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FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG FROM UNA

FOL TEL SENT ACTION LAGOS INFO SECSTATE LUSAKA MAPUTO LONDON
FROM USDEL SECRETARY IN BRUSSELS QTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTO 12009

FOR EASUM FROM MOOSE

E.O.: NA

TAGS: PDEV, RH, UK, NI

SUBJECT: RHODESIA: CARVER VISIT TO MAPUTO

1. IN HIS MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY DECEMBER 8,
DAVID OWEN AGREED TO PRESS FOR A VISIT TO MAPUTO BY
LORD CARVER. HE SAID CHISSANO HAD INDICATED APPROVAL
IN PRINCIPLE BUT THAT IT WOULD BE UNLIKELY MACHEL
COULD SEE CARVER UNTIL AFTER HIS CURRENT VISIT TO
NIGERIA.

2. WE BELIEVE THAT IN ORDER TO SUSTAIN THE MOMENTUM
OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN INITIATIVE, IT IS IMPORTANT FOR
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CARVER TO SEE MACHEL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND WE HOPE
THIS COULD BE DONE WITHIN A WEEK OR TEN DAYS. WE THINK
MACHEL IS MORE LIKELY TO RECEIVE CARVER SOON IF HE
IS URGED TO DO SO BY OBASANJO, AND THAT THIS ALSO GIVES
US AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEMONSTRATE TO THE NIGERIANS OUR
CONTINUING COMMITMENT TO THE PROPOSALS.

3. YOU SHOULD THEREFORE ARRANGE TO SEE GARBA AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE AND MAKE THESE POINTS TO HIM:

-- BECAUSE OF MACHEL'S EARLIER HOLIDAY, LORD CARVER
WAS UNABLE TO SEE HIM DURING HIS TRIP TO SOUTHERN AFRICA
IN NOVEMBER. MACHEL IS THE ONLY FRONT LINE PRESIDENT
WHOM CARVER HAS NOT MET;

-- WE THINK IT IMPORTANT THAT MACHEL HAVE A CLEAR VIEW
OF CARVER'S PROPOSALS FOR THE TRANSITION IN
RHODESIA. THE MILITARY ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE OF VITAL
IMPORTANCE TO THE SECURITY OF MOZAMBIQUE AND CARVER
IS ANXIOUS TO HAVE MACHEL'S THOUGHTS;

-- CHISSANO HAS INDICATED AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO
A VISIT BY CARVER BUT DOES NOT BELIEVE THE PRESIDENT
CAN RECEIVE HIM UNTIL AFTER HIS RETURN FROM LAGOS,
AND PERHAPS NOT UNTIL JANUARY. WE HOPE A MEETING CAN
BE ARRANGED SOON SO THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO DEVELOP
OUR PLAN.

-- BECAUSE OBASANJO ALREADY HAS A FIRM UNDERSTANDING
OF OUR PROPOSALS AND HAS DISCUSSED THE MILITARY ISSUES
WITH LORD CARVER, WE THINK MACHEL WOULD BE RESPONSIVE
TO URGING FROM THE NIGERIAN PRESIDENT THAT CARVER
BE RECEIVED IN MAPUTO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. VANCE UNQTE
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